

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Hong Cho

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the application filed on 11/09/2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-45, 47, and 48 (renumbered 1-47).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 11092001.06122003.
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


JOHN PEZZLO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sanro Zlobec on 9/19/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 46 has been cancelled.

The examiner's amendment was made to overcome 35 U.S.C 101 non-statutory subject matter in claim 46.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-45, 47, and 48 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement for reasons for allowance.

3. Claims 1, 10, 19, 28, 34, 38, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, and 48 are allowable over the prior art of record since the cited references taken individually or in combination fail to particularly teach or fairly suggest a method for managing a conference at a media signal source, the media signal source being operative for generating media data packets conveying encoded media information and encoding type information, the media signal source

supporting a plurality of encoding types; said method comprising: a) generating a link message indicative of a desire of joining a given conference, the link message including a data element from which can be derived the plurality of encoding types that said media signal source can support; b) releasing the link message for transmission to a conference bridge; c) receiving a link message reply signal from the conference bridge, the link message reply signal conveying a set of selected encoding types, the set of selected encoding types including at least one encoding type; d) processing the link message reply signal to render active a subset of encoding types in the plurality of encoding types supported by the media signal source on the basis of the set of selected encoding types conveyed by the link message reply signal, thereby causing the media signal source to generate media data packets conveying encoded media information and encoding type information using the subset of encoding types of said set of selected encoding types conveyed by the link message reply signal.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
 - US Patent (6744741) to Ju et al
 - US Patent (6792092) to Michalewicz
 - US Patent (6606306) to Lin et al

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hong Cho whose telephone number is 571-272-3087.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri during 7 am to 4 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou can be reached on 571-272-3088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-3088.

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9/21/2005